

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-08

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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7353  
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
AMEMBASSY LA PAZ  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN, ITC, GSA, ID  
SUBJECT: INDONESIAN REACTION TO GSA TIN DISPOSALS AND COPPER  
ACQUISITION

REF: STATE 058800

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL MARCH 9 WE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT  
MINISTER OF MINES SADLI OR, ALTERNATIVELY, DEPARTMENT OF  
MINING SECGEN SIGIT, BUT BOTH MEN WERE IN SINGAPORE ON BRIEF  
VISIT. WE SUCCEEDED IN CONTACTING SIRMAN WIDIATMO, INDONESIAN  
DELEGATE TO THE ITC AND AN ADVISER TO THE GOI ON OTHER INTER-  
NATIONAL COMMODITY MATTERS INCLUDING COOPER. SIRMAN IS ALSO  
A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND IS PREOCCUPIED WITH CURRENT  
PARLIAMENTARY SESSION SO WE PROVIDED HIM WITH WRITTEN  
EXPLANATION OF UDALL-DECONCINI PROPOSAL AND OF OTHER POINTS  
MADE REFTEL. WE ALSO PROVIDED WRITTEN EXPLANATION FOR SIGIT.

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2. SIRMAN CALLED EMBOFF TODAY, MARCH 10, AND SAID HE  
WOULD BE MEETING WITH SADLI AND SIGIT LATER IN DAY TO  
DISCUSS THIS MATTER. MEANWHILE, HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING  
INITIAL REACTION: "MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS THE 'HOW'  
OF DISPOSALS. USG WILL BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE  
FROM COPPER PRODUCERS TO SPEED UP DISPOSALS SO AS TO  
ACQUIRE COPPER, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DISPOSALS BE

HANDLED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE INTERNATIONAL TIN MARKET. IF TIN PRICES ARE DEPRESSED TO NEAR THE \$1300 FLOOR PRICE, INDONESIA FOR ONE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO INVEST IN NEW PRODUCTION CAPACITY." (FYI: INDONESIA PLANS TO INCREASE ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY BY BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,000 TONS TO OVER 28,000 TONS THIS YEAR.) FINALLY, SIRMAN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF DISPOSAL AT NEXT ITC MEETING APRIL 10.

3. EMBOFF REITERATED ASSURANCES CONTAINED REFTTEL. MASTERS

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